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Areal Return to Capacity Dates 1975-76 - L P Smith

Preliminary estimates ofareal values of return dates have been made using Ag Mem 783. As several stations have not yet returned to capacity by March 1st and some rainfall records are missing some results are shown in brackets. The true areal mean date is likely to be later than these bracketed estimates. Results, including deviation from average:

Area	1A	Dec 1	33 days late	Area	1B	Dec 9	43 days late
	2	Aug 31	4 days early		3	Sep 16	9 days late
	4	Sep 11	13 days late		5	Dec 5	37 days late
	6	Aug 7	28 days late		7	Nov 12	50 days late
	8	Oct 4	23 days late		9	Nov 16	34 days late
	10	Nov 5	70 days late		11	Dec 16	69 days late
	12	(Feb 3)	> 82 days late		13	Jan 7	57 days late
	14	(Dec 17)	59 days late		15A	Dec 4	63 days late
	15B	(Jan 18)	> 75 days late		16	(Feb 24)	> 88 days late
	17A	(Feb 19)	> 77 days late		17B	Jan 8	49 days late
	18A	(Jan 7)	> 75 days late		18B	(Dec 24)	> 80 days late
	19	(Jan 20)	> 72 days late		20	(Jan 27)	> 79 days late
	21	(Feb 13)	> 86 days late		22A	(Feb 21)	> 97 days late
	22B	(Mar 1)	> 93 days late		23	(Feb 7)	> 58 days late
	24	(Jan 3)	> 33 days late		25A	(Jan 21)	> 85 days late
	25B	(Nov 14)	> 39 days late		26	(Feb 2)	> 91 days late
	27	(Feb 4)	> 77 days late		28	(Feb 21)	> 83 days late
	29	(Jan 9)	> 33 days late		30	Dec 13	50 days late
	31A	(Jan 31)	> 76 days late		31B	(Dec 10)	> 42 days late
	32	(Dec 19)	> 37 days late		33A	(Jan 14)	> 50 days late
	33B	Dec 24	11 days late		34	Nov 18	9 days early
	35	Nov 30	39 days late		36	Dec 12	47 days late
	37A	Nov 2	1 day early		37B	Oct 29	2 days early
	38A	Nov 2	Average		38B	Oct 7	16 days early
	39A	Nov 14	2 days early		39B	Oct 19	32 days early
	40	Oct 7	2 days late		41	Oct 2	24 days late
	42	Sep 26	27 days late		43A	Oct 3	54 days late
	43B	Nov 28	56 days late		44	Sep 30	36 days late
	45A	Dec 21	62 days late		45B	Nov 28	41 days late
	46	Nov 7	8 days late		47	Nov 16	38 days late
	48A	Sep 10	-		48B	Aug 30	-
	49A	Oct 28	48 days late		49B	Oct 7	32 days late
	50	Oct 1	26 days late		51	Sep 10	-
	52	~~Sep 29~~ Oct 21	~~9~~ 31 days late		IOW	Nov 19	13 days late

Any comments or suggestions on this paper should be referred to the author.

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